



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH
CAMPBELL, PIALIGO, RUSSELL
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

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24 MAY 2020 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Sunday 24 May. All are welcome (bearing in mind child protection protocols) to go online via Zoom to share and discuss current issues for St Thomas More Parish or just meet up with others they have not seen for a while under social distancing.

We hope to have an online game activity for the children, possibly an online scavenger hunt. Time 10:30am just join Zoom meeting ID 6486731697

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

We have a renewal of the Consecration of Australia to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians. This is not merely a sentimental gesture. Church and World history attests that Mary is given great power to intercede to change a nation's trajectory when this happens. Because Mary always waits for Peter (i.e. Bishops) before she can act in the full force of her intercession with Jesus. God's blessings, Fr Em

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Rosary will be prayed before both livestream Masses this weekend at 5:30pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday, as part of the OZ Rosary initiative Australia wide prayers for our Patronal Feast Day. Bless Fr Em

Mass and Sacrament Times

Masses have resumed, but strictly limited to 10.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 5:15pm
Friday - 10:00am

NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASSES AT THIS TIME

Funerals by appointment
Marriages & Baptisms not available at this time
RECONCILIATION
Campbell: Drive through Confessions
9:30- 10:00am, in the Church Foyer
Dickson: 9:30 – 10:00am

ENTRUSTMENT OF AUSTRALIA TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

The bishops of Australia have just completed their bi-annual gathering, albeit via zoom!

One of our decisions is to entrust Australia during this pandemic to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians.

This entrustment is to be prayed throughout Australia on 24th/25th May. Please find attached the Prayer of Entrustment.

WORKING BEE

Saturday 20 June at 10:00am. The Parish Pastoral Council will be there and invite all hands on deck to assist with cleaning, some painting (inside and out), and a tidy of the church grounds and gardens.

All are welcome, including children to operate a broom or rake. A trailer to help with the removal of garden rubbish would be appreciated.

MASS AT CAMPBELL

Weekday Masses have resumed here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:15pm and Friday at 10:00am. Attendance is strictly limited to 10 (plus the celebrants). At this time they are first in, best dressed, however if they prove too popular, a registration system will be put in place.

Tomorrow's 6:00pm Mass will be broadcast, via Zoom, from St Thomas More Church, however there is no capacity for extra attendees, as those involved in making it happen will number 10.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed at St Brigid's Church, Dickson, **each Wednesday 8:00am to 8:00pm.**

PARTICIPATING IN SATURDAY EVENING 6:00PM MASS VIA ZOOM

This week coming from St Thomas More Church

- You and your family can join through your desktop, laptop, iPad, tablet or phone.
- To get started, please click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/6486731697>
- You will then be prompted to enter the meeting ID: 648-673-1697
- A password should not be required with the ID
- If you log in before the commencement of the meeting, you would be greeted with a message "please wait for the host to start this webinar".
- If you log into the app once the session has commenced, you will be connected immediately.
- Please make sure your volume is muted, and the video is off.

Please follow the government regulations on the limit of persons gathering indoors.

MEETINGS ONLINE

Parish meetings will now be conducted online.

Rosary in the month of May:

Each Wednesday, broadcast by Fr Emil from the presbytery chapel.

Presbytery chapel. ID 814 2989 5607 Password 2602 (this is the ID and Pw for the four weeks)

RCIA – Weekly:

Tuesdays at 7:00 – 8:00pm All welcome

Meeting ID 648-673-1697 No Password required, but new attendees, please call Fr Emil to join.

MenAlive – Fortnightly:

Saturday mornings 10:00am. A way for men to keep in touch and reflect on scripture. Next meeting Saturday 30 May.

Meeting ID: 956 4875 1013 Password: 2602

Divine Will Prayer Group:

Third Sunday of the month, 2:00-3:00pm. Looking at the *New & Divine Holiness*.

Also on the first Monday of the month, 3:00-4:00pm joining the Brisbane group.

Meeting ID: 976 0600 8068 Password: 2602

YOUTH ALPHA

Youth Alpha Online (on Zoom) – following Archdiocese guidelines for virtual Youth Ministry, we are now able to run our Youth Alpha meetings online! Our first online meeting will be **Saturday 23 May**, 4:00 -5:00pm, all those in high school (and a few years out) are most welcome.

We will have an online icebreaker and watch together the next video in the Alpha series, on the topic *How can I make the most of the rest of my life?* For more details contact Neve: neve.tually@cg.org.au – we will release the Zoom ID in the coming weeks. Anyone under the age of 15 will need a parent in the room for supervision.

PLANNED GIVING & CHURCH FINANCES

Parishioners have already very kindly thought about the Parish Finances. Some have contacted the parish office to now give via direct debit (credit card is also an option).

Account details for the **First Collection** (Central Presbytery Fund, used for the priest's stipend):

Central Presbytery Fund

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 000029248

Reference: **CAMPBELL, YOUR SURNAME.**

The link here provides an alternate secure option to make a donation to the First collection, using your credit card.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>

Second Collection (monies used for the parish) St Thomas More Parish

BSB: 062-786

Account number: 000014869

Reference: **SURNAME and Planned giving envelope number, if known**

Please let the parish office know the amount and date of your transfers for our record-keeping. If you would like to make these changes permanently, please contact the parish office.

If you would like to make a cash contribution, please contact the Parish Office.

FREE ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE

Free online “Unexplained Infertility Summit” this **Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 May**. For more information go to: <https://www.unexplainedinfertilitysummit.com/>

Free online “Catholic Marriage Summit” **Thursday 11 - Saturday 13 June**. For more information go to: <https://www.joyfuleverafter.org/>

Just about every high profile lay Catholic speaker you have heard of (50 in total, mostly US-based) along with their spouse, will give a 20 minute presentation on the day to day realities of living out the Sacrament of Marriage.

CATHOLIC VOICE WEEKLY EDITION

The Catholic Voice currently produces a two-page PDF edition weekly. It is a great way to keep up-to-date with what is happening around the Archdiocese. It is available every Thursday on the Catholic Voice website. If you would prefer to be receive a printed copy in your letterbox, please go to

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/weekly-voice/> or email catholic.voice@cg.org.au with your mailing address. If you would a printed copy, please contact the Parish office.

Don't forget to check out the Parish Facebook page: facebook.com/st.thomasmore.campbell

Prayers for the Sick:

Recently Deceased: Nick Weber

Anniversaries: Tom Petry

ZOOM ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis has asked we all pray the rosary as a family, seeking Our Lady's intercession to end Covid-19, and to include one of two prayers. He will pray them in union with us.

As there are two prayers and Fr Emil has suggested we alternate each week. This week we will use the second prayer.

See the Meetings Online section of this bulletin for the details of Fr Emil's Zoom Rosary.

Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.